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**My  vote**  
My Right • My Responsibility



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### Issuing a Ballot as Part of the Voting Process During a Primary Election

Use the following additional procedures when issuing a ballot as part of “processing voters” (found in the SOS Precinct Election Official Training Manual, “Processing Voters”):

- Step One: Ask the voter: “Which ballot would you like – a political party ballot or an issues only ballot”?

Most voters will know which type of political party ballot they will want. But, if a voter asks, “What are my choices?” then you should explain the political party ballot choices, if any exist.

- Step Two:
  1. Record the voter’s choice of ballot in the Poll Book by marking either:
    - A. The appropriate political party for the ballot requested by the voter, **or**
    - B. That the voter requested an issues only ballot;
  2. Give the voter the proper ballot or appropriate ballot permission slip/device; and
  3. Direct the voter to the appropriate voting location in the pollingplace.

### Challenging a Voter

If a precinct election official has personal knowledge that a voter is not affiliated with or a member of the political party whose ballot he or she has requested, the precinct election official may challenge the voter and ask the voter to complete the Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation ([Form 10-W](#) or [Form 10-X](#))

Personal knowledge requires more than just a notation of party affiliation in a board record such as a poll book. You must not rely solely on information contained in the poll book to challenge an elector’s party affiliation.

Such challenges will be rare, and a voter is required to complete [Form 10-W](#) or [Form 10-X](#), only if he or she is challenged.

If the challenged voter completes the Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation ([Form 10-W](#) or [Form 10-X](#)), then the voter’s choice of ballot is added in the Poll Book by marking the appropriate political party whose ballot was requested by the voter. The voter is then given a regular ballot or appropriate ballot permission slip or device for the political party ballot of his or her choice.

If the challenged voter refuses to complete the Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation ([Form 10-W](#) or [Form 10-X](#)), then the voter MUST vote the voter’s choice of political party ballot provisionally. In such a case, the voter is to be given the provisional ballot for the voter’s choice of political party.



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## 17-Year Old Voters

A 17-year old registered voter who will be 18 years of age on or before the date of the next general election may vote in a primary election, including for Presidential delegates.

Voters who are 17 years old as of the primary election are **not** permitted to vote on any of the following:

- State Party Central Committee;
- County Party Central Committee; and
- Questions and Issues, such as a school tax levy, charter amendment, or local liquor option.

17-year old voters will be identified as such in the Poll Book. Before giving the 17-year old voter his or her ballot or ballot permission slip/device, give the voter the **17-Year Old Voter Instructions**.

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**NOTE:** If your county does NOT provide a unique ballot for 17-year old voters, you must give the following items to a 17-year old voter:

- A regular optical scan ballot;
  - Instructions on the proper method for marking and returning the ballot (i.e., the **17-Year Old Voter Instructions**); and
  - An envelope into which the voted ballot can be placed and segregated from the other regular ballots so that the board can review the ballot to ensure that no votes for which the 17-year old voter is ineligible to cast are counted.
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## Primary Information Reminders

By requesting a political party's ballot, the voter becomes affiliated with the political party for which ballot the person votes. This designation can only be changed by requesting a different political party's ballot at the next partisan primary election.

Make sure to enter into the Poll Book which political party's ballot is voted by a voter, regardless of whether or not there is a change in party affiliation.

At the end of the day, you will complete the bottom portion of [Form 10-X](#) for any pages which were not completely filled in earlier in the day.

## Additional Documents Provided in a Primary Election

1. 17-Year Old Voter Instructions (primary election only);
2. 17-Year Old Voter Ballot Envelope (primary election only) provided by BOE;
3. [Form 10-W](#): Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation; and
4. [Form 10-X](#): Statements of Persons Challenged as to Party Affiliation as directed by your County BOE.



## 17-Year-Old Voter Instructions

### 17-Year Old Voter Instructions: Voting Your Ballot

A 17-year old registered voter who will be 18 years of age on or before the date of the next general election may vote in a primary election. You CANNOT vote on: any candidacy for a state or county political party's central committee, or any question or issue, such as a school tax levy, charter amendment, or local liquor option.

**Please read the following instructions on how to mark your ballot. Please note that some of these instructions may not apply if you are voting on a touchscreen device that marks and generates a paper ballot.**

1. Before marking your ballot, make sure that there are not any marks on it.
2. If there are marks on the ballot, please return the ballot to the election officials for a clean ballot with no marks already on it.
3. Read the directions on the unmarked ballot carefully before you vote:
  - ✓ If the ballot allows you to cast one vote for a particular office, you may fill in only one oval or box on your ballot.
  - ✓ If the ballot allows you to cast more than one vote for the same office, you may fill in the maximum number of ovals or boxes allowed by the directions.
  - ✓ If you vote for fewer candidates than the maximum number allowed by the directions for a particular office, you have under voted that contest and your vote will be counted.
  - ✓ If you vote for more candidates than the maximum number allowed by the directions for a particular office, you have over voted that contest and your vote for that contest only will NOT be counted.
4. Use the pen or pencil provided to mark your vote on the optical scan ballot.
5. Completely fill in the oval or box to the left of the candidate's name you want to vote for.
6. To cast a vote for a person who has filed to be a write-in candidate:
  - ✓ Find the blank line provided on the ballot under the names of candidates listed for that particular office.
  - ✓ Fill in the oval or box to the left of that blank line.
  - ✓ Clearly write the name of the write-in candidate on the blank line. Only votes for a person who previously filed with the board of elections to become a write-in candidate will be counted.
7. If you have questions, ask the election officials for assistance.
8. If you make an error while marking your ballot, please take your ballot to the election officials. The election officials will void that ballot and give you a new one. You may request up to two replacement ballots.
9. Once you have completed marking your ballot, review it to make sure it reflects your votes and place it in the envelope given to you.
10. Once you place your ballot in the envelope given to you and return it to the election officials, you may not request another ballot.
11. Your ballot will be sent to the county board of elections with all the other ballots after the polls close. Your ballot does not identify you; your vote is secret.
12. CONGRATULATIONS! You have voted for the first time and taken an important first step toward being a lifelong voter and a regular participant in your government.



## Form 10-W

Form No. 10-W Prescribed by Secretary of State (08-17)

### Statement of Person Challenged as to Party Affiliation (Primary)

R.C. 3513.19, .20

At the Primary Election held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, hereby state, under  
(Address, continued) (City, Village or Post Office)

penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the

\_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.  
(Political Party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and ZIP)

### WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

We, the undersigned precinct election officials hereby \_\_\_\_\_ the  
(enter either "accept" or "reject")  
vote of the above named elector.

Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Voting Location Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Precinct Election Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Precinct Election Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Precinct Election Official



## Form 10-X (Page 1)

Form No. 10-X Prescribed by Secretary of State (08-17)

### Statements Of Persons Challenged As To Party Affiliation

R.C. 3513.19, .20

\_\_\_\_\_ (ward) \_\_\_\_\_ (precinct) \_\_\_\_\_ (city, village or township)

(fill in date, year, county, city, village or township, ward and precinct before electors sign)

At the Primary Election held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ each of the electors named below were challenged as being ineligible to vote on the basis that he or she was not affiliated with or was not a member of the political party whose ballot he or she requested.

State of Ohio, County of \_\_\_\_\_ :

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)

hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

Right to Vote

Approved  Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)

hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

Right to Vote

Approved  Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)

hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

Right to Vote

Approved  Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)

hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

Right to Vote

Approved  Rejected





Form 10-X (Page 2)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)  
hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

Right to Vote  
 Approved       Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)  
hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

Right to Vote  
 Approved       Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)  
hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

Right to Vote  
 Approved       Rejected

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Challenged) (Address)  
hereby state, under penalty of election falsification, that I desire to be affiliated with and that I support the principles of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and wish to cast a ballot in the party's primary election this year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Precinct Election Official)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Challenged)

Right to Vote  
 Approved       Rejected

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE**

We, the undersigned precinct election officials, hereby approved or rejected the right to vote of the above-named electors as signified by the appropriate checkmark, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Voting Location Manager      Precinct Election Official      Precinct Election Official      Precinct Election Official